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(All sections / groups)

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(2 Hours)

INSTRUCTIONS TO STUDENTS

1. This question paper consists of **THIRTEEN** pages.
2. Answer **ALL** questions in **Sections A** and **B**.
3. Write all your answers in the Answer Booklet provided.

SECTION A: STIMULUS [20 MARKS]

Instructions: In this section you will read a selection of texts, such as magazine and newspaper articles, letters, and advertisements. Each text is followed by several questions. Select the best answer for each question.

Question I (5 marks)

For all **trade** enquiries, please contact the following office:
Western Holdings (M) Bhd.
No 14, Jalan Cuepacs 2,
Taman Perindustrian Cheras,
Section 12, 43200. Selangor.

Tel : 03- 87335733
Fax : 03-87335566
e-mail : westernholdings@sm.net.my
Website: http://westernholdings.com

For more information click here ENQUIRIES

CONTACT & SALES NETWORK
PRODUCT **RANGE**
HOME

1. Where would you find this piece of information?

   A. In a website
   B. In a magazine.
   C. On a billboard.
   D. In the newspaper.

2. If you want to know what the company makes, you would click

   A. HOME
   B. ENQUIRIES
   C. PRODUCT RANGE
   D. CONTACT & SALES NETWORK

3. If Ms. Juliana is interested to trade her Forex business, she should do the following **except**

   A. call the company.
   B. watch the company's growth closely.
   C. send electronic message to the company.
   D. make an appointment at the Western Holding's office.

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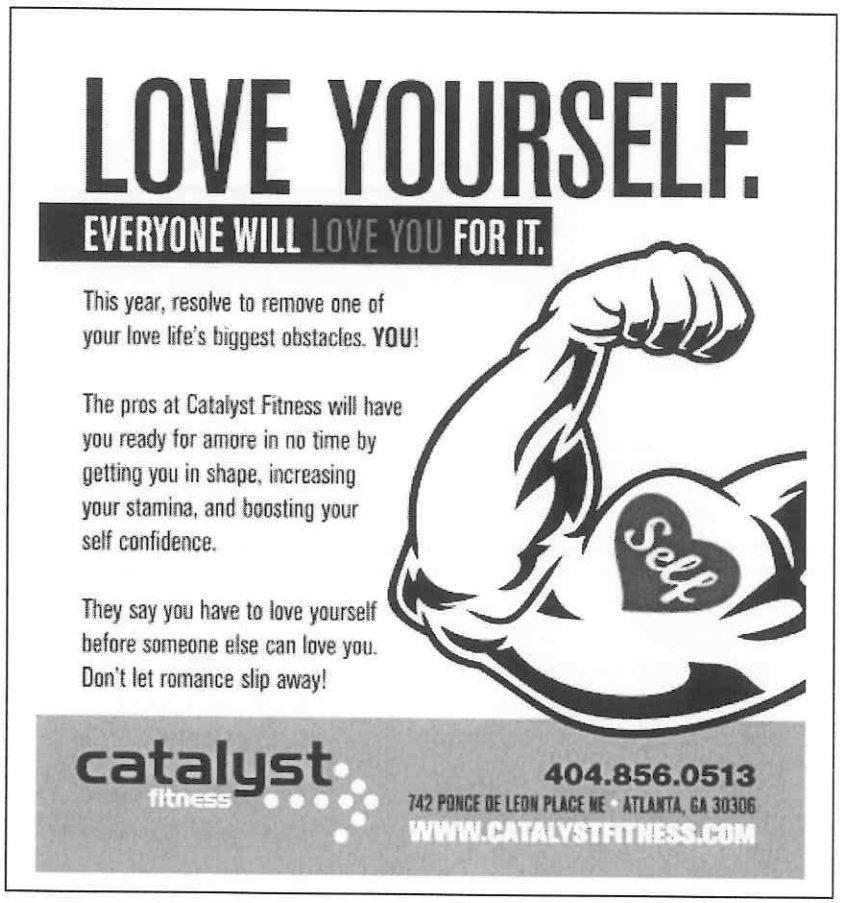
4. The best word to replace the word "**trade**" is _____.

   A. field
   B. market
   C. contract
   D. enterprise

5. The best antonym for the word "**range**" is _____.

   A. selection
   B. spectrum
   C. limitation
   D. dimension

Question II (5 marks)


LOVE YOURSELF.
EVERYONE WILL LOVE YOU FOR IT.
This year, resolve to remove one of your love life's biggest obstacles. YOU!
The pros at Catalyst Fitness will have you ready for amore in no time by getting you in shape, increasing your stamina, and boosting your self confidence.
They say you have to love yourself before someone else can love you. Don't let romance slip away!
Self
catalyst fitness
404.856.0513
742 PONCE DE LEON PLACE NE · ATLANTA, GA 30306
WWW.CATALYSTFITNESS.COM

1. The poster above advertises _____.

   a. a fitness centre
   b. a psychiatric clinic
   c. a counseling service
   d. an arm-wrestling competition

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2. Which of the following is the intended message in the poster?

   A. No one loves you if you are unfit.
   B. Everyone loves you if you love yourself.
   C. Being fit and healthy ensure love will come your way.
   D. Physical fitness develops self-confidence and makes you look attractive.

3. Based on the poster, loving yourself starts with _____.

   A. keeping fit and healthy
   B. accepting someone's love for you
   C. hiring a personal fitness instructor
   D. accepting yourself for who you are

4. The purpose of this advertisement is to _____.

   A. promote a fitness centre
   B. provide free fitness plan for everyone
   C. campaign on promoting better attitudes toward oneself
   D. create awareness on the importance of having self-respect

5. The word "**resolve**" in the advertisement is best replaced with _____.

   A. verify
   B. decide
   C. establish
   D. conclude

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Question III (5 marks)

CASE STUDY 1
89 year old Kame Ogido squats effortlessly on a slippery embankment. The inspects of a pinch of seaweed and part of a low-calorie plant-based diet may have given the people of Okinawa an **average** life expectancy of 82 years, among the longest in the world.

CASE STUDY 2
From first light to twilight, 75- year- old shepherd Tonino Tola never stops walking, trimming, roping and living. Is that the key to his longevity?

CASE STUDY 3
Last year when she turned 100, Marge Jetton renewed her driver's license for another 5 years. What keeps her going she says is her **faith** in God. She also avoids junk food and caffeine.

1. The expression "squats effortlessly on a slippery embankment" tells us that 89-year-old Kame Ogida is _____.

   A. athletic
   B. sprightly
   C. resourceful
   D. hardworking

2. Based on the three case studies, the secrets to a long life appear to be the following **except**

   A. keeping active.
   B. eating the right diet.
   C. having spiritual faith.
   D. having high expectations.

3. Marge Jetton has done the following **except**

   A. eaten seaweed
   B. besought deity
   C. renewed license
   D. taken healthy diets

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4. A synonym for "**average**" is _____.

   A. familiar
   B. unusual
   C. standard
   D. mainstream

5. An antonym for "**faith**" is _____.

   A. disbelief
   B. suspicion
   C. conviction
   D. uncertainty

Question IV (5 marks)

A Fathers Day Present that will last forever...
THE DOWSE ART MUSEUM
Stuck for ideas for Fathers Day gifts?
Put Dad's name on the Community Pathway –
- in the new Civic Centre in front of the Dowse Gallery
... for only $120
for a single brick engraved with names
- more options available
Proceeds go to the Dowse Foundation & Hutt Valley Rotary Youth Iniatives.
Advert kindly sponsored by:
lime-red DESIGN LTD
A Rotary Club of Hutt Valley Project
Hutt News
Selig Real Estate
here
or here
or here
CONTACT: Lorraine on 569 3352(WK) or 0274 436 981
or view www.huttvalleyrotary.org.nz

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1. The following are sponsors of the advertisement **except**

   A. The Hutt News
   B. Selig Real Estate
   C. lime-red Design Ltd
   D. The Dowse Art Museum

2. The Fathers Day gift featured in the advertisement will last forever as _____.

   A. it helps promote the Dowse Gallery
   B. the brick will be inscribed with Dad's name
   C. the money spent on the gift will be for a good cause
   D. the community pathway will be beautifully decorated by the brick

3. The Fathers Day Gifts campaign is managed by _____.

   A. Selig Real Estate
   B. The Dowse Art Museum
   C. Hutt Valley Rotary Club
   D. Hutt Valley Civic Centre

4. The phrase "more options available" most likely refers to _____.

   A. designs of the engraving on the brick
   B. selection of organisations where $120 can be donated to
   C. locations where the brick can be placed other than in front of the Dows Gallery
   D. methods of payment to donate to The Dowse Foundation and Hutt Valley Rotary Youth Initiatives

5. The word "**proceeds**" is best replaced with _____.

   A. sales
   B. profits
   C. rewards
   D. advances

SECTION B: PASSAGES [40 MARKS]

Instructions: There are four reading passages in this section. Answer all questions for each passage in complete sentences.

Passage I (10 marks)

1 There were a half dozen of them, aged between 12 and 15, squatting on the pavement of a street in Casablanca. Their fingernails were black and their arms were covered in sores. Most pedestrians strolled past; but one, a slim, strikingly attractive woman of 34, stopped and sat down next to a vagrant. "I'm a doctor," Najat M'jid said. "What can I do?" The kids took in the woman's dark, arresting eyes with suspicion and surprise. One of them, a mischievous 13-year old named Badr, asked for a cigarette. The other kids laughed. Najat persisted. "Where do you live?" She asked. "Out in the street," Badr said. Then he asked, "What is your name?" "Najat," she replied. The boy looked at her. In Arabic the name meant "saviour". Najat knew there were homeless kids in other major cities in the world but never imagined that this could happen in Morocco. She had to know more, so that evening she drove to where the children said they slept. Their "squat", the rough ground where they spent each night, was bounded on three sides by apartment buildings and strewn deep with foul smelling household refuse thrown from apartment windows overhead. She noted that their beds were from used cardboard cartons and that some children were sniffing the fumes from cans of glue. Najat shuddered at the thought of what the fumes could do to their brain. Retrieving her medical beg, Najat cleaned the pus from their skin sores with gauze and disinfectant. Then she said goodbye.

2 Najat always wanted to be a doctor; inspired at a young age by a television documentary on the legendary physician and missionary, Albert Schweitzer. Her humanity also sprang from her humble background as the daughter of a maintenance man in a small factory and the caring values she associated with Islam. The next day, she marched the kids off to the public baths. Scrubbed clean and wearing laundered clothes – old t-shirts and cast off jeans given by Najat's family and friends – they looked just like ordinary kids. Next, she brought the kids to the beach to play football. They spent a couple of happy hours together each day in the days and weeks to come. Afterwards there were always sandwiches and soft drinks. The games became a fixture. Gradually the children began telling Najat their stories. Najat saw a chance to change the children's living condition when a conference on children's rights met in Casablanca in May 1994. In her presentation, she reported that there were many squats scattered all over Casablanca with at least 2000 homeless children. One thing she did know; without help, they would continue to fall prey to violence, drugs, prostitution and despair.

Adapted from Matthews, C. (2003) Saviour of the forgotten children *Reader's Digest*, October issue.

1. What was the condition of the children when Najat first saw them? (1 mark)

2. Why did the children look at Najat with suspicion and surprise? (1 mark)

3. What was the attitude of the people staying in the apartment towards the homeless children? Support your answer with evidence from the text. (2 marks)

4. Najat is a compassionate and kind person. Support this statement with evidence from the text. (2 marks)

5. How did Najat gain the children's trust? (1 mark)

6. Complete the sentences by using the correct form of the word in parentheses, which are root words taken from the text. Use AFFIXES to form the correct form of the word. Please look at the example provided below. (3 marks)

Example: (0) The spectators are eagerly waiting for the *continuation* of the game after a delay due to heavy rain. (CONTINUE)

a. She waited until she heard his breathing _____ and then rose. (DEEP)

b. Holidays and festivities often bring fun and encourage _____. (TOGETHER)

c. The facts of the past are _____, but we learn from them for a better future. (CHANGE)

Passage II (10 marks)

1 Can you be too beautiful? It is hardly a problem that most of us have to contemplate – as much as we might like to dream that it were the case. Yet the blessings and curses of beauty have been a long-standing interest in psychology. Do those blessed with symmetrical features and striking figures live in a cloud of appreciation or does it sometimes pay to be plain? Combing through decades of findings, social psychologists Lisa Slattery Walker and Tonya Frevert at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte have reviewed all the evidences to date and their conclusions are not what you might expect.

2 At the most superficial level, beauty might be thought to carry a kind of halo around it; we see that someone has one good attribute, and by association, our subconscious assumes that they have been blessed in other departments too. To psychologists, this is called the *"what is beautiful is good" heuristic*. In education, for instance, Walker and Frevert found that better looking students, at school and university, tend to be judged by

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teachers as being more competent and intelligent – and that was reflected in the grades they gave them. In the workplace, more attractive people tend to earn more money and climb higher on the corporate ladder than people who are considered less pleasing on the eye. Even in the courts, attractive defendants are likely to get more lenient sentences, or to escape conviction entirely; attractive plaintiffs, meanwhile, are more likely to win their case and get bigger financial settlements. "It's a pervasive effect," says Walker.

3 However, if beauty pays in most circumstances, there are still situations where it can backfire. While attractive men may be considered better leaders, for instance, implicit sexist prejudices can work against attractive women, making them less likely to be hired for high-level jobs that require authority. One study found that if you are interviewed by someone of the same sex, they may be less likely to recruit you if they judge that you are more attractive than they are.

4 More worryingly, being beautiful or handsome could harm your medical care. We tend to link good looks to health, meaning that illnesses are often taken less seriously when they affect the good-looking. When treating people for pain, for instance, doctors tend to take less care over the more attractive people.

5 The bubble of beauty can be a somewhat lonely place. "Attractiveness can convey more power over visible space – but that in turn can make others feel they can't approach that person," says Frevert. The online dating website OKCupid recently reported that people with the most flawlessly beautiful profile pictures are less likely to find dates than those with quirkier, less perfect pics – perhaps because the prospective dates are less intimidated.

Adapted from Robson, D. (2015, February 13). *The Surprising Downsides of Being Drop Dead Gorgeous* Retrieved from http://www.bbc.com

1. Why does the writer say that beauty is "hardly a problem that most of us have to contemplate"? (1 mark)

2. Explain in your own words what is meant by *"what is beautiful is good" heuristic.* Provide two examples from the passage. (2 marks)

3. According to the passage, beauty can be a drawback in certain situations. Give two examples of such situations. (2 marks)

4. People who possess beauty can become lonely. Why is this so? (2 marks)

5. Complete the sentences by using the correct form of the word in parentheses, which are root words taken from the text. Use AFFIXES to form the correct form of the word. Please look at the example provided below. (3 marks)

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Example: (0) The spectators are eagerly waiting for the *continuation* of the game after a delay due to heavy rain. (CONTINUE)

a. Tonight's performance of the Malaysian Philharmonic Orchestra fell short of my _____. (EXPECT)

b. The Supreme Court judge refused the request for _____ and sentenced him to life imprisonment. (LENIENT)

c. A family accused the staff of the Paediatric ward at the Panorama Hospital of negligence and _____ resulting in severe secondary infection to their 3-year-old child. (COMPETENT)

Passage III (10 marks)

1 *Allium satium,* otherwise known as garlic, has a history of 5,000 years. Most of us know, at least, thanks to Dracula movies, that garlic wards off bloodthirsty vampires. What many of us may not know, however, is that for centuries, garlic has been used in many cultures for various ailments and emergencies ranging from baldness, leprosy, epilepsy and dandruff to snakebites. Hippocrates, the father of medicine, advocated the use of garlic for certain infections and internal ailments. Difficult as it may be to believe, garlic was also used as aphrodisiac. In our own day, researchers on this member of the lily family - garlic is related to chives and onions - have found the pungent bulb to contain a host of compounds, including vitamins A, B1, B2, B3 and C, calcium, selenium, iron, potassium, magnesium, sulphur, phosphorus, germanium and amino acids. These have medicinal properties.

2 As an antibiotic, garlic is one tenth as effective as penicillin. During World War I, British doctors applied diluted garlic juice to wounds without a single patient developing sepsis. A shortage of antibiotics during the Second World War led the Russians to do the same. Like antibiotic, garlic destroys bacteria which cause cough and sore throat. It also relieves bronchitis, sinus and catarrh. The sulphur in garlic helps skin problems like eczema and acne. The heart also benefits from doses of garlic. Garlic lowers unhealthy low-density lipoprotein (LDL) cholesterol. At the same time, it thins the blood, allowing it to flow easily. This prevents blood platelets from sticking together to form the clots which cause heart attacks and strokes. Indeed, the methylally1 trisulphide found in garlic can even remove clots already in existence.

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As a natural healer, therefore, the potent garlic is incomparable. New things about garlic are being discovered all the time. So if you are not already doing it, perhaps it is an idea to start adding garlic to your diet, in addition to that apple!

Adapted from Allium Sativum Cultivated Garlic (2011). In *Encyclopedia of Life.* Retrieved May 30, 2015, from http://eol.org

1. What does garlic contain? (1 mark)

2. What did Hippocrates accomplish with garlic? (2 marks)

3. How did *Allium satium* lend a hand in World War 1? (1 mark)

4. Explain in your own words how garlic can save you from a heart attack. (3 marks)

5. Complete the sentences by using the correct form of the word in parentheses, which are root words taken from the text. Use AFFIXES to form the correct form of the word. Please look at the example provided below. (3 marks)

   Example: (0) The spectators are eagerly waiting for the *continuation* of the game after a delay due to heavy rain. (CONTINUE)

   a. We should all be aware of the reason why the greenhouse is _____ to our lives. (BENEFIT)

   b. The rare and contagious skin disease is now _____ due to the cream developed by scientists from a renowned pharmaceutical company. (CONTAIN)

   c. He left the library and travelled to one of the remaining, _____ safe houses at the base of one of the mountains. (DISCOVER)

Passage IV (10 marks)

1 J.R.R. Tolkien was born in 1892, Bloomfontein, South Africa. After three years in South Africa, he returned to England with his Mother Mabel; unfortunately his father died one year later, leaving him with little memory of his father. His early childhood was, by all accounts, a happy one; he was brought up in the Warwickshire countryside (many regard this idealised upbringing as the basis for the Shire in Lord of the Rings).

2 In 1904, when John was just 12, his mother Mabel died from diabetes leaving a profound mark on him and his brother. After his mother's passing, he was brought up by the family's Catholic priest,

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Father Francis Morgen. From an early age, J.R.R. Tolkien was an excellent scholar, with an unusually specialised interest in languages. He enjoyed studying languages especially Greek, Anglo Saxon, and later at Oxford, Finnish.

3 Although a scholar at King Edward VI school, he initially failed to win a scholarship to Oxford. This was partly due to falling in love with his childhood sweetheart Edith. On finding out of this romance, his guardian, Father Francis Morgan, prohibited John from seeing Edith until he was 21 and no longer under his care. Father Morgen, made John promise not to see Edith, and John reluctantly agreed to his request. John faithfully waited until his 21st birthday, and on this date he renewed his contact with Edith, and successfully persuaded her to marry him. It is a testament to his belief in faithfulness and honesty, that he was willing to wait several years to meet his wife. Such sentiments of nobility appear frequently in his writings; for example, the magnificent love story of Beren and Luthien.

4 From an academic point of view, *his separation from Edith seemed to do the trick*, and a year later he won an exhibition to Exeter College, Oxford where he would study classics. John did not particularly shine in this subject and grew to enjoy the pleasures of University life, though his meagre income made it difficult to keep up with the spending habits of more affluent students. Uninspired by the classics, John was able to switch to his real love English literature. He was a competent scholar, but a lot of his time was spent researching other languages in the Bodleian library. It was here in Oxford that he became fascinated with Finnish, a language which would form the basis for Quenya; a language he would later give to his Elves.

5 His love of languages remained with Tolkien throughout his life. He began developing his own languages which is a remarkable undertaking. In fact, later he commented that languages lied at the heart of his writings; the Silmarillion and Lord of the Rings. He actually said the stories existed to provide an opportunity to use the languages. Devotees of the book may not agree, but it does illustrate the profound importance he attached to the use of languages.

Adapted from Brief Biography of J.R.R Tolkien (2004). In *Biography ONLINE.* Retrieved May 30, 2015, from http://www.biographyonline.net

1. State the main idea for paragraph 3. (1 mark)

2. In paragraph 4, explain what the writer means by "*his separation from Edith seemed to do the trick*". (2 marks)

3. Provide evidence from the passage to support Tolkien's unusual obsession and passion in languages. (4 marks)

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4. Complete the sentences by using the correct form of the word in parentheses, which are root words taken from the text. Use AFFIXES to form the correct form of the word. Please look at the example provided below. (3 marks)

Example: (0) The spectators are eagerly waiting for the *continuation* of the game after a delay due to heavy rain. (CONTINUE)

a. There are many misconceptions about online learning that makes earning an online degree seems _____ to many people. (SCHOLAR)

b. It took a lot of _____ to get Linda to agree to join the camping trip to Endau Rompin. (PERSUADE)

c. Preparations on the food are done ahead of time and there are party games to prepare for the _____ of all the guests. (ENJOY)

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